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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 410

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

February 23, 2009

An act to amend Section 75027 of the Public Resources Code, and to amend Section 13577 of the Water Code, relating to water resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 410, as amended, De La Torre. Recycled water.

(1) Under existing law, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000, of which ~~\$100,000,000, upon appropriation, is required to be expended by the Department of Water Resources to address multiregional water needs or water issues of statewide significance~~ *\$1,000,000,000 is made available to the department for grants for projects that assist local public agencies to meet the long term water needs of the state, to be allocated to the state's hydrologic regions in accordance with a prescribed schedule.*

~~This bill would provide that, of those described funds, upon appropriation, \$5,000,000 shall be made available to the department for allocation, consistent with specified provisions of the act, to certain~~ *require the department, in providing grants to those hydrologic regions, to give additional consideration to proposals for the preparation of salt*

and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board.

(2) Existing law, the Water Recycling Act of 1991, establishes a statewide goal to recycle a total of 700,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2000 and 1,000,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2010. Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare and update, every 5 years, the California Water Plan, which is the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state. Existing law requires each urban water supplier to prepare, and update every 5 years, an urban water management plan with specified components, including information, to the extent available, on recycled water and its potential for use as a water source in the service area of the urban water supplier.

This bill would refer to the statewide recycling goal as a target, and would additionally set a target to recycle a total of ~~1,300,000~~ 1,525,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2020, and ~~2,000,000~~ 2,525,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2030. The bill would require the department to assess progress toward meeting that target every 5 years, based on information provided in urban water management plans. The bill also would make related findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) Water use efficiency is a key component of water
- 4 management and water supply reliability in California.
- 5 (2) Increasing population, climate change, and the need to reduce
- 6 greenhouse gas emissions and protect California's fish and wildlife
- 7 resources make it essential that state and local water suppliers
- 8 manage water resources as efficiently as possible.
- 9 (3) Recycled water provides additional water supplies that are
- 10 a cost effective and reliable method of helping to meet California's
- 11 water needs.
- 12 (4) The Water Recycling Act of 1991 (Chapter 7.5 (commencing
- 13 with Section 13575) of Division 7 of the Water Code) established
- 14 a statewide goal to recycle a total of 700,000 acre-feet of water
- 15 per year by the year 2000 and 1,000,000 acre-feet of water per

year by 2010. California's goals for recycled water use do not extend beyond the year 2010.

(b) By enacting Section 3 of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature to maximize the use of recycled water in California by removing barriers and providing incentives for recycled water use, including using recycled water for groundwater recharge and other appropriate uses while ensuring the protection of public and environmental health.

SEC. 2. Section 75027 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

75027. (a) The funding provided in Section 75026 shall be allocated to each hydrologic region as identified in the California Water Plan and listed below. For the South Coast Region, the department shall establish three ~~sub-regions~~ *subregions* that reflect the San Diego county watersheds, the Santa Ana River watershed, and the ~~Los Angeles-Ventura County~~ *Los Angeles-Ventura County* watersheds respectively, and allocate funds to those ~~sub-regions~~ *subregions*. The North and South Lahontan regions shall be treated as one region for the purpose of allocating funds, but the department may require separate regional plans. Funds provided in Section 75026 shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

(1) North Coast	\$37,000,000
(2) San Francisco Bay	\$138,000,000
(3) Central Coast	\$52,000,000
(4) Los Angeles sub-region	\$215,000,000
(5) Santa Ana sub-region	\$114,000,000
(6) San Diego sub-region	\$91,000,000
(7) Sacramento River	\$73,000,000
(8) San Joaquin River	\$57,000,000
(9) Tulare/Kern (Tulare Lake)	\$60,000,000
(10) North/South Lahontan	\$27,000,000
(11) Colorado River Basin	\$36,000,000
(12) Inter-regional/Unallocated	\$100,000,000

(b) The interregional and unallocated funds provided in subdivision (a) may be expended directly or granted by the department to address multiregional needs or issues of statewide significance.

1 ~~(e) Of the funds described in paragraph (12) of subdivision (a);~~
2 ~~upon appropriation, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be made~~
3 ~~available to the department for allocation, consistent with this~~
4 ~~section, and Sections 75026 and 75028, to the regions identified~~
5 ~~in subdivision (a)~~

6 *(c) The department, in providing grants to regions described*
7 ~~*in subdivision (a), shall give additional consideration to proposals*~~
8 ~~for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent~~
9 ~~with the state board's recycled water policy.~~

10 SEC. 3. Section 13577 of the Water Code is amended to read:

11 13577. (a) This chapter establishes a statewide target to recycle
12 a total of 700,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2000,
13 1,000,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2010, ~~1,300,000~~
14 ~~1,525,000~~ 2,525,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2020, and
15 ~~2,000,000~~ 2,525,000 acre-feet of water per year by the year 2030.

16 (b) The department shall assess progress toward meeting the
17 statewide target in subdivision (a) every five years, based on
18 information provided in urban water management plans prepared
19 pursuant to Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 10610) of Division
20 6.